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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE
HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN INCORPO-
RATED IN THE LETTER WHICH FOLLOWS. LETTER SHOULD BE TRANS-
MITTED TO THE FRG AND UK MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC PHASE TWO
STUDY TEAM.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. WE BELIEVE THE JUNE 5 VERSION OF UK PAPER " ASPECTS OF
DETERRENCE", (I. E., LESS PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14 OF EARLIER VER-
SIONS) SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO NPG COUNTRIES AS A CONTRI-
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BUTTON TO THE PERMREP CONSIDERATIONS OF THE VALUE OF
UNDERTAKING A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS
OF DETERRENCE. WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO RAISE THE IS-
SUES DISCUSSED IN PARAS 13 AND 14 AT THE PERMREP LEVEL
UNTIL THE PHASE TWO STUDY TEAM ITSELF HAS HAD AN OPPOR-
TUNITY TO EXAMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN
WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY.

2. CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PHASE II STUDY GROUP
TO EXAMINE THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW
DEVELOPMENTS IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY, WE VISUALIZE

A STUDY SOMEWHAT MORE LIMITED IN SCOPE THAN THAT SUGGESTED
BY THE FRG DELEGATION. WE PROPOSE THAT THE STUDY TEAM
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE IMPLICATIONS OF PRECISION DELIVERY
AND SMALL YIELDS, AND THEN CONDUCT A LIMITED RE- EXAMINATION
OF ONE OR TWO SELECTED SITUATIONS IN THE PHASE I STUDIES
IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE WHAT ADDITIONAL OPTIONS SUCH NEW
WEAPONS WOULD PROVIDE AND WHAT THEIR POLITICAL AND MILI-
TARY IMPLICATIONS MIGHT BE. THE STUDY NEED BE NO LONGER
THAN THE OTHER PAPERS WRITTEN BY STUDY TEAM MEMBERS.

3. BRIEFLY, THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE SHOWS HOW THE STUDY
MIGHT BE ORGANIZED:

A. IDENTIFY THE NEW/ IMPROVED WEAPONS AND DELIVERY
SYSTEMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY FEASIBLE AND OF INTEREST.

- (1) DETERMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND
CAPABILITIES OF THESE SYSTEMS.
- (2) DETERMINE HOW THESE SYSTEMS MIGHT BE
EFFECTIVELY USED.

B. APPLY SOME OF THESE SYSTEMS IN ONE OR MORE
FOLLOW- ON USE SITUATIONS SELECTED FROM PHASE I STUDIES.

C. ASSESS THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS
OF USING SUCH NEW/ IMPROVED SYSTEMS.

D. DECIDE WHETHER THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED OUT-
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WEIGH THE DISADVANTAGES.

4. IF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FIND THIS GENERAL OUTLINE
ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD BE READY TO PRESENT A BRIEFING ON
SOME OF THE RELEVANT ASPECTS OF THE NEW WEAPONS AT THE
PHASE II STUDY TEAM MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. WE WOULD, OF
COURSE, WELCOME ANY PRESENTATIONS BY THE OTHER DELEGA-

TIONS ON ANY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED STUDY. THE STUDY TEAM MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER IN SEPTEMBER WHICH MEMBERS SHOULD CONDUCT THE STUDY OUTLINED ABOVE AND WHETHER OR NOT THE STUDY TEAM WANTS TO RECOMMEND TO THE NPG THAT IT AND/ OR THE DPC SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE WIDER AND MORE GENERAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW/ IMPROVED TECHNOLOGIES FOR NATO'S DEFENSE. RUSH

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